

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) A wing driving apparatus according to claim [[1,]] 3 further comprising:
 - (e) a detector part for detecting as to whether or not ~~said~~ the second drive controller part is able to operate ~~said~~ the second actuator to drive ~~said~~ the wing when ~~said~~ the first drive controller part operates ~~said~~ the first actuator to drive ~~said~~ the wing.
3. (New) A wing driving apparatus comprising:
 - (a) a first actuator and a second actuator coupled to a wing;
 - (b) a first controller unit for controlling the first actuator;
 - (c) a second controller unit for controlling the second actuator; and
 - (d) a drive signal generator part (150, 250) which generates a drive signal for driving the wing and sending the drive signal to the first and second control unit, wherein
 - the first controller unit includes a first drive controller part for controlling the first actuator in accordance with the drive signal,
 - the second controller unit includes a second drive controller part for controlling the second actuator in accordance with the drive signal,
 - the first actuator including a first controlled valve for controlling a supply and discharge of a fluid into/from the first actuator, a first mode switching valve having a drive mode position and a follower mode position in a fluid circuit of the first actuator, and a main switching signal device for controlling a switching position of the first mode switching device,
 - the second actuator including a second controlled valve for controlling a supply and discharge of a fluid into/from the second actuator, a second mode switching valve having a drive mode position and a follower mode position in a fluid circuit of the second actuator, and a first switching signal device for controlling a switching position of the second mode switching valve,

the second actuator further including a second switching signal device other than the first switching signal device for controlling the second mode switching valve,

the first control unit further including a follower signal generating part which generates a follower signal by which the second actuator is followed with the wing, the follower signal generating part sending the follower signal to the second switching signal device, and

the second switching signal device being adapted to switch the position of the second mode switching mode valve to the follower mode position in accordance with the follower signal regardless of the status of the first switching signal device, so that the second actuator is followed with actuation of the wing.

5. Patentability of independent claim 3 over JP 64-41498

Claim 3 is believed to be patentable for at least the same reasons as given above with respect to Takats, namely that JP 64-41498 fails to disclose or suggest a "follower signal generating part" or a "follower signal."

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner equates a follower part with the line in Fig. 3 of JP 64-41498 from electrical control circuit 49a to control valve 46Ba. However, as discussed above, no follower mode is described in JP 64-41498, and thus this line cannot read on the above-highlighted claim limitations. Accordingly, claim 3 is believed to be patentable over JP 64-41498.

6. Patentability of dependent claim 2

Dependent claim 2 is believed to be patentable over the applied references for at least the reason that it is dependent upon allowable base claim 1 and because it recites additional patentable elements.

Conclusion

Insofar as the Examiner's rejections were fully addressed, the instant application including all pending claims is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowability of all pending claims is therefore earnestly solicited.

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